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Organization of the session

A. Informal pre-session consultations

1. At its reconvened twenty-second session, held on 12 and 13 December 2013, the Commission agreed that the twenty-third session of the Commission would be held from 12 to 16 May 2014, with informal pre-session consultations to be held on 9 May 2014, the working day preceding the first day of the session.

2. At the informal pre-session consultations, chaired by the First Vice-Chair, Luis Alfonso de Alba (Mexico), on 9 May 2014, the Commission conducted a preliminary review of the draft resolutions that had been submitted by the deadline of 14 April 2014 and dealt with organizational matters for the twenty-third session.

B. Opening and duration of the session

3. The Commission held the part of its twenty-third session in the first half of the year in Vienna from 12 to 16 May 2014, during which time there were [10] plenary meetings and [8] meetings of the Committee of the Whole. The Chair of the Commission opened that part of the session, and participants observed a minute of silence for Clément Gorrissen and Simon Davis of UNODC, who were killed in an attack in Puntland, Somalia, on 7 April 2014. At the 1st and 2nd meetings, on 12 May 2014, opening statements were made by the Executive Director of UNODC; by Sri Lanka (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China); by Morocco (on behalf of the Group of African States); by Iraq (on behalf of the Group of Asia-Pacific States); by the Attorney-General of Nicaragua (on behalf of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States); and by Greece (on behalf of the European Union

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and Albania, Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Iceland, Montenegro, the Republic of Moldova, Serbia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey and Ukraine, as well as Liechtenstein and Norway). Statements were also made by the Deputy Prime Minister of Qatar; the Minister of Justice of Italy; the Attorney-General of Nicaragua; the Special Representative of the President of the Russian Federation on International Cooperation Affairs in Combating Terrorism and Transnational Organized Crime; the Vice-Minister of Justice of China; the Vice-Minister of the Interior of Mexico; the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs of the Department of State of the United States of America; and the Chief Prosecutor of Changwon District, Prosecutor's Office of the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Korea.

C. Attendance

4. The twenty-third session was attended by representatives of [...] States members of the Commission. Also attending were observers for [...] other States Members of the United Nations, [...] non-member States, representatives of [...] entities of the United Nations system and observers for the institutes of the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme network, [...] intergovernmental organizations and [...] non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council. A list of participants is contained in document E/CN.15/2014/INF/2.

D. Election of officers

5. Pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 2003/31 and rule 15 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Council, the Commission, at the end of its reconvened twenty-second session, on 13 December 2013, opened its twenty-third session for the sole purpose of electing its bureau for that session. In view of the rotation of offices based on regional distribution, the officers elected for the twenty-third session of the Commission and their respective regional groups are listed below.

6. On 15 April 2014, the Group of Asia-Pacific States nominated Hu Bin of China for the office of Third Vice-Chair. The Commission elected the Third Vice-Chair during its consideration of agenda item 1.

7. The officers of the Commission at its twenty-third session were as follows:

Chair	Eastern European States	Vladimir Galuška (Czech Republic)
First Vice-Chair	Latin American and Caribbean States	Luis Alfonso de Alba (Mexico)
Second Vice-Chair	Western European and other States	Christine Stix-Hackl (Austria)
Third Vice-Chair	Asia-Pacific States	Hu Bin (China)
Rapporteur	African States	Jeannette Mwangi (Kenya)

8. A group composed of the Chairs of the five regional groups (the observers for Iraq, Ireland, Morocco, Nicaragua and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia), the observer for Sri Lanka (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) and the observer for Greece (on behalf of the European Union) was established to assist the Chair of the Commission in dealing with organizational matters. That group, together with the elected officers, constituted the extended Bureau foreseen in Economic and Social Council resolution 2003/31. During the twenty-third session of the Commission, the extended Bureau met on [14] and [15] May 2014 to consider matters related to the organization of work.

E. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

9. At its 1st meeting, on 12 May 2014, the Commission adopted the provisional agenda and proposed organization of work (E/CN.15/2014/1), which had been approved by the Economic and Social Council in its decision 2013/247.

F. Documentation

10. The documents before the Commission at its twenty-third session are listed in conference room paper E/CN.15/2014/CRP.[...].